a Valedictory address
delivered March 11th 1806. part to p 30
in 1808. & the
remaining part
1805
1808.
also March 3. 1810

Dear Gent: we conclude our lectures for the present year. ~~The~~ Winter has been to me a laborious one. ~~but unusual~~ It would have been much more so ~~if~~ had not its toils been lightened - ~~and~~ by the ~~pleasure which I have derived from~~ the punctuality & attention w: which you have honoured my instructions, for which I beg you to accept of my most respectful acknowledgements.

~~In~~ the beginning of the Course, many of you Gent: asked me what books you should read upon the subjects of my lectures. To this question I was unable to give a satisfactory answer. You will now know the reason of it.

- The Doctrine of animal life - the functions of the liver - Spleen & omentum the Arteries - ~~of~~ & of ~~mucal of the viscera & abdomen~~ the influence of the operations of the mind upon

2 — the Universality of predisposing debility —
~~Dis~~ the human body — the Unity of ~~the~~ disease,
extending alike to the body & mind — the ~~states~~
signs of disease — as manifested by the states of the pulse and the blood — the
simplicity and small number of my medicines,
and the ~~same & specific~~ appropriate times of giving them,
have produced such a departure in my principles
and modes of practice from all the ~~bodies of~~ systems
of ~~pathology~~ physiology — pathology & practice that are now
extant, than I could not recommend any
one of them, without ~~placing~~ putting you
in the way of acquiring many ~~ideas~~ ideas which
I should be obliged to combat in the course
of my lectures. If you have adopted the
principles, I have taught, ~~you~~ you may read
any, or all of those systems, not only with
safety, but with advantage. They abound

V delivered, ~~can~~ produce the same effect upon your minds, that ~~they~~ it has had upon mine, ~~your~~ the body & ~~they will show the human body hereafter~~ mind of man will appear ~~as~~ to you hereafter as different from what ~~it is~~ they are exhibited in books, as if they were dissimilar objects. ~~But~~ ~~go to p. 9 in lecture of 1805 - (1)~~

~~Go to page 8. (1)~~

~~Take notice~~ I beg of you to take notice here Gents: that I do not say the principles I have taught are true. far from it. all I shall say in this favor is, that since my practice has been directed by them, it has been far more successful, that it was while it was regulated by the system of medicine in which I was educated. Go to p. 8 (1)

facts, ~~which if not supposed~~, may be em-
-ployed in filling up the vacant spaces, or
adding to the strength of the building I have
endeavoured to erect for ~~the the work~~ your
benefit. If the ~~principles~~ system of medicine which I have

I am aware gent: of the import of a
declaration, - that I have taught a new system
of Medicine. The declaration has been forced
upon me ~~by of~~ by its enemies from whom ~~those~~
~~not only by the kind reception any Opinions~~
~~I made of Jesus~~ for it first received that
odious and unpopular name. ~~from its enemies,~~
as it has since been given to it by its friends,
in different, and remote parts of the world. The
~~history~~ fate of this system of medicine has been
a singular One. ~~It first appeared in the~~ upon its first appearance
~~character of~~ it was considered as a sickly

but that would ~~not~~ perish as soon as it was exposed to the ~~air~~ inclemency of a cold, or rainy day. Contrary to calculation, it lived, thro' several stormy seasons but in great penury and weakness. For many years it rambled ups and down the streets of Philadelphia like a little beggar boy, without a friend, and without other shelter, than the scanty one afforded ~~it~~ by its father. A few gentlemen of the faculty (whose names will ever be dear to me) admitted him into ~~this~~ houses, and kindly assisted ~~him~~ in feeding and cloathing him. ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~him a plentiful meal~~ – But a great majority of the physicians of our city scorned him from their doors. ~~[illegible]~~ Some of them did more – they either hired the vagabonds of the city to pelt him with stones, or they rewarded them liberally for doing so

V It is true they have changed his name, and endeavoured to passop disguise him by a new Dress — but his ~~com~~ voice, his features & his Manners all discover his Descent from his Lawful father. —

by this friendship, and patronage. In spite of this unkind and cruel treatment the boy has grown to be man — ~~and to the surprise of all who knew him~~ has acquired such marks of health, and ~~strength~~ vigor — that they ~~now~~ deny him be ~~my~~ the offspring ~~and~~ of the father ~~to~~ to whom ~~to~~ he owes his existence. I am not disposed ~~to~~ to believe that he is now admitted ~~into~~ & cherished the families of his greatest enemies, ~~to reconcile~~ ~~their~~ change of conduct towards him, they ~~and consider it is~~ deny him to be ~~the little~~ ~~Urchin they~~ my offspring, and call him by another name. This is nothing new in the history of such young adventurers. I rejoice most sincerely rejoice in ~~his~~ ~~happy recovery~~ ~~good fortune~~ the last instance ~~and I trust~~ of his good fortune, and derive from that circumstance chiefly a consolation that repays me for all the trouble

In thus acknowledging myself quiet to the author of a new principle in medicine, I beg ~~quiet to be exculpated from the charge of being~~ having been taken this opportunity of declaring that I as little expected to have been called to that arduous and hazardous duty in the early part of my medical life, as I now expect to be called upon to fill the see of Canterbury. when I ~~first~~ settled in this city, my first study & greatest pleasure consisted in explaining & propagating the ~~prin~~ system of medicine of my illustrious preceptor Dr Cullen, and it was not until it I was disappointed in many instances in its application to the practice of physic, that I ~~doubt they~~ observed, and thought for myself. — The recollection of the past attainments of our Science, ~~encouraged me to hope in the dawn of future inquiries, while an~~ and an ardent

~~my~~ ~~now long~~ the has cost me. ~~I am disposed to~~
He will - he must live now ~~and~~ taps
through all the ~~grades &~~ stages of human
life. ~~But to drop our allegory if I am not insensible of the favor~~
am not insensible of the favor with
which my principles & modes of practice in
medicine have been
received by my pupils, and by many others,
~~in distant, & in some foreign countries,~~
but ~~the most gratifying~~ I am most dis:
-posed to believe in their truth & utility when
I reflect that they have been adopted by
~~the~~ their most inveterate ~~& implacable~~ enemies
in this city. You will judge of the change wch
has taken place in this minds, when I add that
this hostility to me discovered by their publica:
-tions in 1797 was compared by a sensible
clergyman in a neighboring state to "the opening
of the mouth of hell against me".

To this hostility I have never replied
not even in a single paragraph in a news

much more than any confidence in my ~~[illegible]~~ abilities, encouraged
Desire to lessen human misery ~~[illegible]~~
me to hope for ~~the~~ success in ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~
~~labourious~~ ~~exertions~~ ~~in order to~~ my inquiries in
in medicine.
~~[illegible]~~. Painful - ~~labourious~~ and
unremitted have been my labours for that purpose.
Numerous - complicated and cruel have been
~~[illegible]~~
the persecutions that have followed them. ~~The~~
- peace - and forgiveness to the authors of
them! ——— ~~They have lately~~ Their unkindness have exhibited
~~their~~ ~~its~~ last sign of departing life. The hearse
must ~~will~~ soon convey them ~~their unkindness~~ ~~[illegible]~~ to the oblivion
of the grave.

⊙ Among the ~~[illegible]~~ painful circum-
-stances that attended the propagation of my medical
principles ~~in medicine~~, my being obliged to
oppose the system of ~~my~~ Dr Cullen was not
the least. He was dear to me as a master,

8 , Although I am possessed of myself,

you may form some idea of the nature of them, when I add, they were compose in the year 1797 by a Citizen of a neighbouring state to "the opening the mouth of hell against me"

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and I have been more than once told, that I shared largely in his friendship. But I was reconciled to my conduct only by reflecting that ~~he~~ our Objects were the same, and were it possible for his departed spirit to appear ~~him to rise from his grave~~, to me in my study, or to meet in an evening walk – he would say to me "go on my son – continue to exercise that ~~you have only built~~ ~~freed~~ freedom of inquiry which it was

Methinks I hear the same awful Voice
issuing from the tomb of my beloved
Master. It seems to say to me. "In the
progress in our Science towards the perfection
which awaits it, your System of Medicine
will soon follow the fate of Mine. Future
discoveries in Anatomy, Chemistry - and Natu-
-ral history will consign a part of it to
Oblivion, and render alterations necessary
in every other part of it". Delightful intelligence!

- I anticipate its accomplishment with pleasure. Perhaps I
am now addressing the gentleman - who
shall from the Chair I now occupy; - or from
the press - expose the errors ~~&c~~ of my System
~~-ciples~~ of medicine. — Did I know who
was to be that person, I would take him
~~by the hand~~ into my arms, and cordially wish him
success in his noble Undertaking. —

my pride and pleasure to excite in all my pupils — ~~you have added~~ only a story to the building of Ch. W: I laid the foundation. — ~~If the fabric is yet incomplete, I expect, at any rate ere long will be given to it~~ and if the empire of Death ~~be limited~~ has been lessened in a single instance by your adjection of any part of my principles in medicine, I shall ~~be satisfied~~ rejoice in it !!. Yes — venerable Shade! — I am sure you do, — for your whole life was ~~regulated~~ animated not ~~not~~ less by the love of our fellow, than by the most sublime & disinterested love: — volence to ~~the~~ your fellow creatures! —

The dead sometimes call upon us from their tombstones. and say — "as you are now — so once was I, — as I am now — so — shortly — you shall be." and =

I regret that the number & pressure of my engagements during the winter, ~~& latterly the dictate of my feeling~~ have more frequent prevented my cultivating an intercourse with you ~~I know not I have lost~~ from which I should have derived both pleasure & instruction.

labors! 12. perish my name

= Perish my ~~name~~, ~~and the memory of my~~ from the words of ~~tongue~~, time, ~~labors~~ — provided the science I have loved & cherished be advanced, and perfected in the ~~world~~.

I have only regret to express my sincere ~~apology for the~~ regret in parting with you. Accept of my thanks for the respectful & flattering attention with which you have been pleased to honour these lectures, and receive from me ~~heart overflowing~~ me, the most ~~cordial~~ affectionate good wishes for your future prosperity & happiness.